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The line, single track, is located about thirty miles north of the small city of Kirov which is about 40 miles north of the Oblast Center, Kirov.

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The road bed was prepared by Hungarian and Czech prisoners and the track was laid by Soviet prisoners. Initially we dug three-foot trenches about ten feet wide. Sand was then filled in to a two-foot depth, heavy gravel about one foot thick was laid over the sand, and the ties were then laid over the gravel. [redacted] how many prisoners worked on the railroad.

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There appeared to be many conflicting orders about where the track should go and [] frequently spend several weeks chopping down trees only to be told that it had been decided to lay the track in a different place. During one period of four weeks [] about ten miles of track was laid. [] the track went in an East-West direction.

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